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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

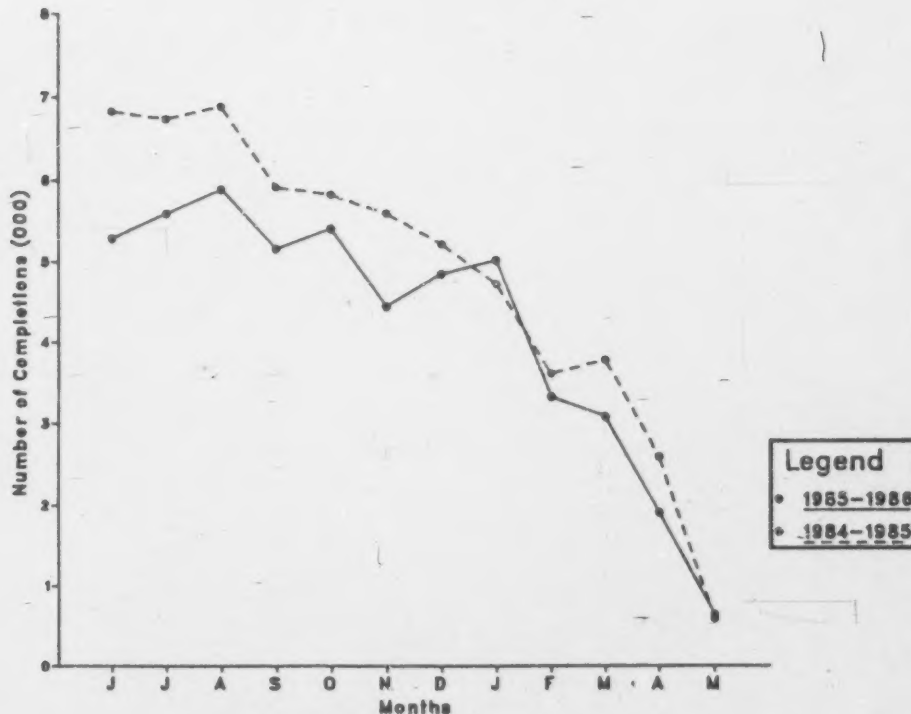


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 30, 1986¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	7,542	31,910,564	1,987	12,102,878	4,421	23,903,231	13,950	67,916,673	14,108	68,466,252
1986: MAY	230	1,060,292	43	281,594	367	1,998,109	640	3,339,995	650	3,369,194
APR	984	4,546,010	261	1,833,776	659	3,561,538	1,904	9,941,324	1,920	9,987,307
MAR	1,708	7,459,022	433	2,791,194	935	4,931,680	3,076	15,181,896	3,104	15,270,896
FEB	1,884	8,268,606	499	3,041,043	939	5,426,557	3,322	16,736,206	3,363	16,907,889
JAN	2,736	10,576,634	751	4,155,271	1,521	7,985,347	5,008	22,717,252	5,071	22,930,966
TOTAL 1985	33,397	134,414,616	11,562	64,401,640	19,598	98,310,416	64,557	297,126,672	65,995	301,801,252
1985: DEC	2,464	10,199,663	742	4,195,497	1,635	8,569,926	4,841	22,965,086	4,907	23,200,625
NOV	2,297	9,320,837	742	4,264,836	1,401	7,071,251	4,440	20,656,924	4,505	20,909,558
OCT	2,722	11,028,914	1,065	5,473,155	1,614	7,941,497	5,401	24,443,566	5,482	24,726,868
SEP	2,620	10,163,060	952	5,078,251	1,581	7,853,674	5,153	23,094,985	5,235	23,331,892
AUG	3,069	11,952,992	1,020	5,511,858	1,797	8,631,574	5,886	26,096,424	5,970	26,347,811
JUL	2,897	10,945,408	1,013	5,612,980	1,675	8,011,844	5,585	24,570,232	5,735	24,989,190
JUN	2,758	10,812,430	963	5,188,668	1,559	7,429,277	5,280	23,430,375	5,412	23,864,840
MAY	2,696	11,285,387	862	4,863,364	1,576	7,925,711	5,134	24,074,462	5,293	24,619,306
APR	2,841	11,515,904	942	5,507,204	1,646	8,256,432	5,429	25,279,540	5,564	25,674,822
MAR	3,115	12,820,461	1,060	6,099,519	1,753	8,719,447	5,928	27,639,427	6,105	28,145,153
FEB	2,721	11,407,745	1,044	6,009,521	1,458	7,707,112	5,223	25,124,378	5,355	25,560,396
JAN	3,197	12,961,815	1,157	6,596,787	1,903	10,192,671	6,257	29,751,273	6,432	30,430,791
TOTAL 1984	42,948	164,325,407	14,428	79,581,927	24,500	116,522,522	81,876	360,429,856	83,990	366,017,095
1984: DEC	3,502	13,102,339	1,286	6,731,162	2,044	10,360,833	6,832	30,194,334	7,012	30,656,834
NOV	3,647	13,707,191	1,374	6,980,289	1,967	9,631,995	6,988	30,319,475	7,153	30,785,689
OCT	3,666	14,543,479	1,332	7,203,399	2,015	9,544,741	7,013	31,291,619	7,241	31,946,440
SEP	3,575	13,216,007	1,221	6,489,469	2,027	9,370,185	6,823	29,075,661	6,960	29,443,204
AUG	3,796	14,019,559	1,380	7,110,383	2,462	11,051,905	7,638	32,481,847	7,831	33,060,105
JUL	3,848	14,454,555	1,222	6,912,785	2,241	10,132,188	7,311	31,499,528	7,490	31,977,374
JUN	3,808	14,027,404	1,276	6,842,231	2,300	10,355,832	7,384	31,225,467	7,565	31,679,403
MAY	3,652	14,038,740	1,155	6,597,591	1,922	9,294,197	6,729	29,930,528	6,894	30,324,616
APR	3,195	12,032,451	856	5,322,275	1,688	8,356,647	5,739	25,711,373	5,934	26,162,530
MAR	3,358	13,472,419	1,025	6,373,184	1,767	8,816,691	6,150	28,662,294	6,324	29,089,555
FEB	3,366	13,367,599	1,119	6,144,196	1,789	8,787,504	6,274	28,299,299	6,429	28,733,328
JAN	3,535	14,343,664	1,182	6,574,963	2,278	10,819,804	6,995	31,738,431	7,157	32,158,017
TOTAL 1983	37,791	140,009,676	12,559	69,276,060	23,361	102,611,638	73,711	311,897,374	75,707	316,607,820
TOTAL 1982	40,023	152,526,448	17,120	99,024,091	25,680	121,623,745	82,823	373,174,284	85,038	378,441,880

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 30, 1986

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	425	2,688,393	210	1,462,591	2,087	12,656,408	2,722	16,807,392
1986: MAY	20	121,446	7	48,251	196	1,171,244	223	1,340,941
APR	54	394,127	34	284,738	320	1,920,729	408	2,599,594
MAR	82	555,520	47	359,945	441	2,594,976	570	3,510,441
FEB	99	632,623	49	339,986	436	2,839,605	584	3,812,214
JAN	170	984,677	73	429,671	694	4,129,854	937	5,544,202
TOTAL 1985	1,713	9,962,792	1,170	7,788,694	8,708	48,306,157	11,591	66,057,643
1985: DEC	135	802,312	69	460,911	798	4,564,011	1,002	5,827,234
NOV	97	577,269	72	512,672	647	3,577,163	816	4,667,104
OCT	142	791,665	78	425,026	738	3,970,415	958	5,187,106
SEP	118	640,309	71	483,361	715	3,849,742	904	4,973,412
AUG	168	988,651	92	598,818	788	4,159,934	1,048	5,747,403
JUL	135	779,160	83	531,815	724	3,834,020	942	5,144,995
JUN	122	638,037	111	794,103	659	3,363,630	892	4,795,770
MAY	151	878,264	121	764,134	663	3,704,417	935	5,346,815
APR	127	701,243	110	751,697	703	4,008,624	940	5,461,564
MAR	179	1,084,585	105	681,413	733	4,131,662	1,017	5,897,660
FEB	164	1,026,618	117	823,227	679	4,045,267	960	5,895,112
JAN	175	1,054,679	141	961,517	861	5,097,272	1,177	7,113,468
TOTAL 1984	2,310	12,498,424	1,550	9,763,908	10,913	57,871,830	14,773	80,134,162
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	937	5,404,096	1,197	6,782,025
NOV	177	982,976	110	658,595	854	4,709,041	1,141	6,350,612
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	944	4,826,585	1,242	6,545,872
SEP	216	1,170,730	128	871,220	884	4,544,051	1,228	6,586,001
AUG	187	998,761	123	797,629	1,057	5,491,359	1,367	7,287,749
JUL	190	989,348	150	982,743	1,051	5,187,261	1,391	7,159,352
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,060	5,297,760	1,393	7,185,411
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	833	4,535,438	1,179	6,524,990
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	752	4,071,564	1,005	5,646,656
MAR	216	1,200,913	150	1,026,389	735	4,130,554	1,101	6,357,856
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	804	4,418,308	1,160	6,470,849
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	1,002	5,255,813	1,369	7,236,789
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,617	10,108,608	10,013	48,239,550	13,762	68,970,512
TOTAL 1982	2,486	13,511,119	2,131	14,609,287	11,202	60,214,120	15,819	88,334,526

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1986

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,937	8,684,401	698	4,227,835	1,014	5,269,345	3,649	18,181,581	3,699	18,336,712
1986: MAY	230	1,060,292	43	281,594	367	1,998,109	640	3,339,995	650	3,369,194
APR	731	3,494,859	210	1,504,071	348	1,857,657	1,289	6,856,587	1,303	6,896,414
MAR	574	2,543,593	181	1,109,906	136	609,848	891	4,263,347	906	4,309,429
FEB	232	1,037,490	159	860,739	88	487,084	479	2,385,313	487	2,417,516
JAN	170	548,167	105	471,525	75	316,647	350	1,336,339	353	1,344,159
TOTAL 1985	657	1,950,264	267	1,337,253	277	994,164	1,201	4,281,681	1,247	4,379,202
1985: DEC	120	492,115	58	310,821	64	292,432	242	1,095,368	243	1,096,113
NOV	116	388,910	41	256,699	30	129,394	187	775,003	191	794,791
OCT	103	366,726	47	244,778	33	134,899	183	746,403	185	759,020
SEP	62	167,119	17	82,165	16	62,265	95	311,549	96	312,432
AUG	49	137,552	18	70,475	21	75,979	88	284,006	89	286,431
JUL	54	90,731	14	68,530	14	90,876	82	250,137	100	276,962
JUN	34	54,216	21	89,728	17	35,892	72	179,836	79	187,803
MAY	35	71,884	6	9,912	14	30,157	55	111,953	58	115,992
APR	20	46,888	10	54,056	23	53,544	53	154,488	54	157,003
MAR	30	50,489	11	41,636	15	33,671	56	125,796	58	128,162
FEB	24	54,975	13	61,332	8	16,958	45	133,265	45	133,265
JAN	10	28,659	11	47,121	22	38,097	43	113,877	49	131,228
TOTAL 1984	116	239,536	83	386,953	139	298,707	338	925,196	357	966,970
1984: DEC	18	32,059	10	52,970	16	22,279	44	107,308	45	110,158
NOV	15	23,456	6	45,382	21	39,225	42	108,063	43	110,176
OCT	10	17,525	10	40,559	12	42,068	32	100,152	34	105,852
SEP	12	16,681	16	55,517	15	30,312	43	102,510	44	105,360
AUG	11	14,727	12	51,306	10	25,661	33	91,694	36	102,508
JUL	11	39,956	10	44,059	9	19,828	30	103,843	32	105,587
JUN	8	15,504	6	44,183	18	32,422	32	92,109	34	93,872
MAY	8	27,787	5	31,297	7	18,280	20	77,364	22	80,804
APR	11	27,538	3	9,365	7	26,652	21	63,555	26	74,055
MAR	2	12,010	3	6,809	6	17,677	11	36,496	11	36,496
FEB	2	4,131	0	0	9	8,384	11	12,515	11	12,515
JAN	8	8,162	2	5,506	9	15,919	19	29,587	19	29,587
TOTAL 1983	64	103,901	16	51,374	100	193,264	180	348,539	181	350,069
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	50	98,408	8	47,976	27	67,393	85	213,777	85	213,777
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,824	11,076,510	1,072	6,051,391	1,557	6,822,873	5,453	23,950,774	5,569	24,246,730

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 30, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period April 26, 1986 through May 30, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.